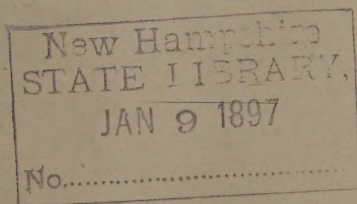


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ERRATUM.

On Page 11, under heading of "Town Farm Bills," line reading, "Notes and Interest Paid, \$17,383 83," should go between the footing and "Summary of Monies paid out of the Treasury."

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REPORT
OF THE
OVERSEER OF THE POOR

For the year ending March 1, 1871.

RECEIPTS.

For articles sold from farm,	\$3 63	
From the County,	131 28	
From the Town Treasurer,	459 75	
	<hr/>	\$594 66

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Store bill,	2 09	
horse hire,	2 00	
grinding grain,	1 96	
blacksmithing,	1 55	
for freight on barrels,	35	
J. H. Goodrich for deposition,	50	
	<hr/>	\$8 45
Paid for aid to Robert B. Osgood,	\$ 8 00	
“ “ John Langdell,	26 00	
“ board of David Gage,	100 00	

" clothing for " "	7 81	
" aid to Lafayette Herrick,	44 37	
" aid to I. B. Curtis' children,	63 81	
Dr. Jones Dr. bill of M. A. Abbott & children,	9 25	
for aid to David Stiles,	23 00	
	<hr/>	\$282 24

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Aid to S. S. Fish,	\$ 32 63	
" " David Osgood,	6 00	
" " Lydia Pond,	26 00	
Board of Hannah Putnam & Dr.'s bill,	138 59	
Aid to Mary Gokee and children,	14 00	
Aid to Mary Hayes and children,	5 00	
D. E. Proctor for carrying Daniel Page to County Farm,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$227 22

Paid Jonathan Stephenson services as Over- seer of Poor,	42 25	
Paid Jonathan Stephenson for cash paid out,	34 50	
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Total paid out,	\$76 75	
There is due the Town from the County on Mrs. Putnam's account,	17 54	\$594 66
" " Hayes' account,	6 31	
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Cost of supporting the poor the past year,	\$435 90	\$23 85
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There has been but twenty-three days' board of paupers at the farm during the year.

The case of Daniel Page has been before the court for three terms, but is yet undecided.

JONATHAN STEPHENSON,

Overseer of the Poor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO SELL THE POOR
FARM PROPERTY.

Sale by Auction April 16, 1870,		
Real Estate,	\$3,782 00	
Personal Property,	2,221 29	
	<hr/>	\$6,003 29
Cost of sale, including all expenses connected with the Town Farm property after March 1st, 1870,		402 11
		<hr/>
Net Proceeds,		\$5,601 18

L. CRAM,	}	Committee.
C. H. HOLT,		
J. H. TARBELL,		

SELECTMEN'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF LYNDEBOROUGH,

for the year ending March 1, 1871.

Amount of Taxes assessed April 1, 1870,		
Residents,	\$6,670 57	
Non-Residents,	1,392 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,062 57
Paid by Collector, State Tax,	1,422 00	
" " " County Tax,	448 51	
	<hr/>	\$1,870 51
Ordered into the Treasury,		6,192 06

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1870,	\$3,796 64	
Received of Collector Woodward balance		
Taxes for 1869,	1,399 37	
Received of Collector Woodward Tax interest,	23 68	
Received of State Railroad Tax,	46 36	
" " " Savings Bank Tax,	195 56	
" " " Literary Fund,	66 70	
" " " U. S. Bounty,	32 00	
" for Town Bonds sold,	11,300 00	
" Amount Sales Town Farm,	6,003 29	
" Interest on School fund,	22 53	
" of Collector Woodward on his		
Collection for 1870,	4,431 98	
Interest reported paid last year,	209 52	
Interest computed on notes and bills,	379 90	
	<hr/>	\$27,907 53

EXPENDITURES.

Paid the several School Districts,

District No. 1,	\$108 92
“ “ 2,	91 55
“ “ 3,	231 60
“ “ 4	83 40
“ “ 5,	66 70
“ “ 6,	117 80
“ “ 7,	101 62
“ “ 8,	60 09
“ “ 9,	52 30
“ “ 10,	21 08

 \$935 06

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Henry H. Joslyn,	\$7 20
Harvey M. Newton	3 00
Adoniram Russell,	26 50
Andrew Smith, Mountain Road,	44 50
Henry C. Morrill,	7 08
John Lynch, Mountain Road,	55 00
Jotham Hildreth,	33 67
Isaac Lowe,	31 00
John Dolliver,	24 00
Byron Putnam,	20 55
John C. Goodrich,	3 52
Asa Hill,	8 70
Joseph Blanchard, Mountain Road,	7 00
Joseph Blanchard, Forest Road,	8 25
Jonathan Stephenson,	23 27
D. E. Proctor,	8 00
Sumner French,	7 00
Jotham Stephenson, Bridge,	80 00
Daniel B. Whittemore, Bridge,	21 00
Asa Blanchard,	3 60
John P. Raymond,	4 00

 \$426 84

BREAKING PATHS 1869-70.

Paid Adoniram Russell,	\$19 50
“ John C. Ordway,	63 45
“ Harvey M. Newton,	5 50

" Henry C. Morrill,	8 25
" John Dolliver,	11 40
" John C. Goodrich,	36 77
" Edwin N. Patch,	25 20
" Asa Hill,	39 21
" Nathan B. Fish,	12 06
" Henry H. Joslyn,	24 57
" Levi P. Spalding,	37 95
" Moses C. Fuller,	29 22
Charles H. Holt,	35 90
David D. Clark,	33 07
Jonathan Stephenson,	7 65
Luther Cram,	17 90
Charles M. Butler,	4 50
Orren N. Cram,	64 28
Fred A. Nourse,	2 18
Nathan Richardson,	31 83
Sumner French,	52 05
Jotham Stephenson,	26 00
Asa Blanchard,	1 80
William H. Clark,	21 90
Jotham Hildreth,	3 93
S. P. Holt,	5 00
John T. Parker,	11 21
Byron Putnam, 1869,	9 10
Nathan Richardson, 1869,	11 83
William A. Jones,	1 50
Charles W. Conant,	1 00
Joseph Blanchard,	1 70
David Putnam,	5 55
Emery Holt,	7 50
Jotham Hildreth, 1869,	6 20

\$676 66

PAID ABATEMENTS IN LEVI H. WOODWARD'S LIST, 1869,

E. Prentiss Claggett,	\$3 44
Sumner E. Claggett,	3 44
Nancy Abbott,	1 57
Congregational Society,	2 29
Lafayette Herrick,	72 2
William R. Fish,	5 16
Frank Shaffer,	3 15

John G. Warburton,	\$3 15
John Hastings,	3 15
Tom Haligan,	1 90
John Parker,	3 15
Abigail Putnam,	2 96
Benjamin F. Holt,	3 15
Wilbur Hackett,	3 15
E. G. W. Duncklee,	3 15
David S. Draper,	3 15
Charles B. Pinkham,	3 15
Curtis & Barrett's overtax,	6 30
Hiram F. Curtis,	3 15
William F. Hayden,	3 15
Harvey M. Newton,	8 84
Robert B. Osgood,	3 02
David Osgood,	3 15
Samuel O. Joslyn,	9 94
John W. Lowe,	3 15

\$97 03

PAID ABATEMENTS ON LEVI H. WOODWARD'S LIST, 1870.

Paid Nancy Abbot,	\$1 80
Town Farm,	74 90
Lafayette Herrick,	7 55
Mary J. Abbot,	2 45
Polly Perham,	3 75
William H. Hayden,	3 75
Anna Fish,	1,870
James Greene,	3 75
Mrs. Job Swinington,	3 00
Robert B. Osgood,	3 00
Timothy T. Putnam, Glass Works	
overtax,	100 00
John Richardson, overtax,	3 50
John A. Fuller, overtax,	4 52
John Rand, overtax,	14 73

\$245 40

WATERING TROUGHS.

Paid John A. Putnam,	\$3 00
Jona. Danforth,	3 00
Alvaro Buttrick,	3 00

\$9 00

BILLS REPORTED DUE LAST YEAR.

Paid Nathaniel T. McIntire, services as Selectman,	\$64 25
Eli C. Curtis, services as Selectman,	67 50
D. E. Proctor, " " "	55 25
George A. Putnam, Town Clerk,	23 95
George E. Spalding, Treasurer,	40 00
Levi H. Woodward, Collector,	85 00
Job Swinington, sheep killed,	5 00

 \$340 95

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Rufus Chamberlain, Sexton,	\$7 00
William B. Raymond, "	4 25
John C. Goodrich, "	4 00
Dr. William A. Jones, return of births and deaths,	4 50
Dr. Josiah Fleeman, return of births and deaths,	1 25
George A. Putnam, services as Town Clerk,	17 15
William W. Young, services as Town Clerk,	6 00
C. F. Livingston, printing bonds,	70 00
R. W. Berry, printing Reports, 1870,	38 50
D. E. Proctor, stationery,	9 70
William H. Clark, care of Town House,	4 00
Peter Clark, sheep killed by dogs,	7 00
Peter Clark, auctioneer,	6 00
John Resident, highway tax,	117 62
Jonathan Stephenson, as per Report of Overseer of Poor,	459 75
Nathaniel T. McIntire, cash paid out,	10 00

 \$766 72

TOWN FARM BILLS.

Paid Luther Cram, services as committee,	\$7 50
Charles H. Holt, " " "	18 00
Joel H. Tarbell, " " "	5 00
Chas. Campbell, Auctioneer and paying U. S. Tax,	45 00
D. E. Proctor, clerk at sale and making deeds,	5 00

Jesse Simonds, working out highway tax,	\$9 38
Moses C. Fuller, sticking lumber,	73 50
David G. Dickey, 34 days' work,	47 00
David G. Dickey and others hauling lumber,	23 75
Store bill for sale,	15 28
Benj. G. Herrick, damage to fence,	5 00
Jonathan Stephenson, sawing lumber,	144 00
Int. Rev. Stamps,	3 70
Notes and Interest paid,	\$17,383 83

\$402 11

SUMMARY OF MONIES PAID OUT THE TREASURY.

Schools,	\$935 06
Highways and Bridges,	426 84
Breaking Roads,	676 66
Abatements, 1869,	97 03
" 1870,	245 40
Watering Troughs,	9 00
Bills reported due last year,	340 95
Miscellaneous bills,	766 72
Town Farm bills,	402 11
Notes and Interest paid,	17,383 83

\$21,283 60

UNPAID BILLS.

Due District No. 1,	\$29 75
" " " 2,	4 99
" " " 7,	8 13

\$42 87

D. E. Proctor, services as Selectman,	\$60 00
Cash paid out,	17 85
Andy Holt, services as Selectman,	42 00
Luther Cram, " " "	44 00
Nathaniel T. McIntire, Treasurer,	40 00
L. H. Woodward, when his collection is completed,	85 00
Erastus B. Claggett, Supt. School Committee,	31 50
D. E. Proctor, " " "	37 00
S. B. Farrar, when his bridge job is com- pleted,	177 00

\$534 35

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received to March 1, 1871,	\$27,907 53	
“ “ paid out to March 1, 1871,	21,283 60	
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		\$6,623 90

Said balance consists of the following with interest computed to March 1, 1871 :

G. E. Spalding's note,	\$1,837 34	
“ “ “ “	2,310 00	
“ “ “ “	100 00	
Emery Holt's “	728 20	
Benj. G. Herrick's “	163 52	
Congregational Society's note,	34 43	
Charles J. Cummings' “	338 42	
L. Cram on lumber,	803 53	
L. Cram on auction bill,	106 84	
George Riley on “ “	12 62	
Charles Woodman auction bill,	4 73	
Cash,	184 30	
		<hr/>
		\$6,623 93
Notes due with interest to March 1,		
1871,	\$14,801 52	
Town bonds, with interest to March 1,		
1871,	11,582 50	
School Money due the several districts,	42 87	
Unpaid bills,	534 35	
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		\$26,961 24
Balance in Treasury to the credit of the		
town,	\$6,623 93	
Due from Collector Woodward,	1,760 08	
Due from County as per report of Overseer,	23 85	
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		\$8,407 86

Balance against the town,	\$18,553 38
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Town Debt less available means March 1, 1870,	\$25,265 18
“ “ “ “ “ 1, 1871,	\$18,553 38

Balance in favor,	\$6,711 80
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Submitted March 1, 1871.

D. E. PROCTOR,	} Selectmen of Lyndeborough.
ANDY HOLT,	
LUTHER CRAM,	

N. T. McIntire, Treasurer.

MORTUARY RECORD FOR 1870.

	Years.	Months.	Days.
March 8, Mrs. Sarah B. Butler,	aged 76	9	
March 30, Clarence Russell,	" 19		
April 8, Job Swinington,	" 76		
April 15, Mary M. Russell,	" 2		
May 13, Mrs. Ann Holt,	" 68	2	
May 17, Mrs. Mary A. Perkins,	" 29		
May 26, Levi Tyler,	" 69		
June 10, Dea. David Putnam,	" 79	11	21
Aug. 18, Miss Lucy A. Stephenson,	" 23		
Aug. 21, Harry Brooks Clark,		6	
Sept. 20, Oliver Harris,	" 79		
Sept. 28, Robt. B. Osgood,	" 78		
Oct. 10, James Gould,	" 32		
Oct. 18. at Surry, C. H., Va., Mrs. Susan O. Woodward,	" 31		
Oct. 26, Mrs. Edna A. Clark,	" 22		
Dec. 3, Mrs. Dorothy Wheeler,	" 75	8	
Dec. 15, Mrs. Miranda Rand,	" 63		
Dec. 27, Miss Mary Shedd,	" 21		
Jan. 1, Mrs. Sarah Eaton,	" 76		
Feb. 9, at Oil Mill Village, Mrs. Mary Proctor,	" 75		

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF LYNDEBOROUGH, N. H.,

For the year ending March 14, 1871.

To the people of Lyndeborough:

After the Superintending School Committee appointed last Spring left town to reside elsewhere, it was thought that he could no longer hold his office, and legally perform its functions.

At his request, therefore, the Selectmen appointed another to fill his place the remaining part of the year. But as the new incumbent found it inconsistent with his other engagements to attend to its duties, agreeably to statute law, he requested and authorized his predecessor to visit the schools for him.

The following Report, therefore, consists of two parts, each made under the sanction of its respective committee. As you appropriated nearly a thousand dollars, at the commencement of the year under report to sustain your common schools, and as this goodly sum comes, for the most part, from the hard earnings of the tax-payers, and is laid out for your children and youth, we cannot doubt that you are deeply interested to know the results. We shall endeavor to spread them before you as briefly and correctly as we are able, taking school after school in numerical order.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Money assigned, \$138 67 ; Prudential Committee, W. W. Curtis, Esq.

The Summer School, which was taught by Miss Belle L. Clark for \$22 00 a month, including board, was eight weeks

long. She had 18 different scholars whose average attendance was 15 1-3. At the examination which was held the first day of July, the room was tastefully decorated with fresh garlands and beautiful bouquets; and although a few of the classes were not above mediocrity, those in Written Arithmetic and Algebra, and in the 2nd and 4th Readers, especially evinced marked success. The exercises were interspersed with well chosen recitations which were generally well committed, and a dialogue which was admirably executed. The school was orderly and still, and we were prepared to receive the following statement in the teacher's Register :

"At the commencement I endeavored to banish whispering from the school-room, and to some extent I have been successful. Seven of my pupils have refrained from the evil during the entire term : Abbie F. Curtis, Mina O. Jones, Georgia A. Miller, Myrta M. Jones, Lulie C. Jones, Ida B. Newell, and Henry M. Claggett." The teacher also expresses her grateful appreciation of the kindness of her pupils, and her best wishes for their future welfare.

Only seven weeks were given to the Winter School, which numbered 26 pupils, with the average attendance of 22 1-2. Eight were not tardy at all, 4 but once, and 3 were not absent a single half-day. It was taught by Mr. Frank W. Cram, whose wages, including board, was \$32 00 a month. As the school closed agreeably to the wishes of the teacher a few days before the time assigned, and as the examination, necessarily very brief, took the scholars by surprise, we could not expect it to prove so satisfactory ; yet it is believed that many of the pupils made considerable improvement, and several of the classes were favorably marked.

By giving special attention to the department of discipline, we think Mr. Cram with his intellectual culture and genial disposition will make a more successful teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Money assigned, \$96 64 ; Mr. L. H. Woodward, Prudential Committee.

Six and a half weeks was the length of the Summer term ; 15 the whole number of different scholars whose average attendance was 13 1-3 ; and the wages of the teacher, Miss Clara A. Curtis, \$16 00 a month. Although young and inexperienced, yet with a clear mind and good scholarship, she entered upon her work with encouraging prospects.

Three were marked in her register as not tardy but once, and 8 as not tardy at all. The Superintendent visited the School at its commencement, but as this and No. 3 closed the same afternoon, although he attempted to visit them both, yet he failed to reach No. 2 in season for its examination, and, therefore, is not able to report the degree of success.

The Winter School, only seven weeks long, was taught by Mr. Geo. E. Adams of Dublin, N. H., whose wages, including board, were \$36 00 a month. He had 23 different pupils, whose average attendance was 20 1-3. Thirteen were not tardy at all, 4 but once, and 10 were not absent a single half day, 3 others but one day, while 8 were both punctual and constant without a single failure. The teacher was evidently devoted to his school and seemed adapted to train the youngest as well as the oldest of his pupils, and was at great pains to interest them in their work.

The final examination afforded gratifying evidence that the school had been successfully conducted. The teacher expresses his sincere thanks to both parents and pupils for their kindness and courtesy towards him, and informs us of a paper published by his scholars called the "Hill-Side Echo." May it echo another year.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Money assigned, \$231 60 ; R. Chamberlain, Prudential Committee.

By adopting the arrangement of three terms a year, and appropriating the Fall and Winter terms to those of specified ages, the district again secured, in some measure, the advantages of a graded system. The first and second terms were each of them eight weeks long. The whole number of scholars respectively were 41 and 25, whose average attendance was 34 and nearly 22. Twelve were not tardy at all the first term, and nine were not, the second; and 14 during the two terms were tardy but once. The teacher, Miss Sarah E. Richardson, received the same wages each term, \$26 00 a month, including board. At each of her examinations the appearance of the schools was very favorable, most of her classes showing promptness and accuracy in their answers. The teacher evinced energy, and her scholars life, in the right direction. She was peculiarly successful in interesting and training her younger pupils, nine of whom constituted a *premium* class. Commendable attention was paid also to the department of spelling, and the recitations, dialogues and songs were quite creditable.

The Winter School, continuing two weeks from Dec. 5th to Feb. 10th, was taught by Mr. A. B. Spalding, whose wages, including board, were \$50 00 a month. He had twenty different scholars, whose ages ranged from twelve to nineteen years, and whose average attendance was 17 1-5. As several pupils were absent from the examination, we could not obtain a complete impression of the state of the school, and although there was a lack of interest which we were not able to explain, yet the scholars appeared to have been trained to understand their work, and some of them had made commendable progress and improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Money assigned, \$63 40 ; Mr. Franklin Center, Prudential Committee.

The Summer School was very small ; only six scholars were registered, with the average attendance of five and one third ; wages and board \$16 00 a month. Owing to the prevalence of measles in the district the school was shortened to five weeks, and was closed suddenly without an examination. Having no notes of our own therefore, we are pleased to quote from the Register of the teacher, Miss Mary F. Richardson : "Our number has indeed been small, but we have all tried, and we trust that, although the term has been so short, some good has been accomplished. No whispering has been allowed, and none has been practiced, and only three instances of tardiness have occurred. It has been our custom at the close of each day's session to repeat the 23rd Psalm."

By giving board and fuel the patrons of the school extended the Winter term to the period of ten weeks, and yet the teacher, Miss Mary C. McIntire, was paid \$20 00 a month for her services. Although it was her third term in this district, we could discern no diminution of success. Not one of her eleven pupils was tardy during the term, and so constant were they that eight were not absent a single half-day, and the average attendance was 10 3-4. At the final examination Jan. 17th thirteen visitors, and all the scholars were present.

Her classes in Eaton's and Adams' Arithmetics were prompt, accurate and thorough. Some of the members had made unusual progress, and all of them operated successfully on the blackboard. Her classes also in Analysis and Parsing, and those in Geography and Natural Philosophy were highly satisfactory. Reading and Spelling had also received commendable attention, and neatness and improvement were very apparent

in the twelve writing books that were exhibited. The recitations and declamations with a dialogue were creditable, and an interesting song was sung, *every* scholar joining with the teacher in its execution.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Money assigned, \$66 70. Mr. Orrin N. Cram, Prudential Committee.

The Summer School of five weeks was taught by Miss Abbie F. Dascombe, whose wages and board amounted to \$20 00 a month. She had 16 pupils with the average attendance of 14, and so punctual were her scholars that 9 of them were not tardy at all, and 5 but once, while 4 were not absent a single half day.

The Superintendent regrets that he failed to be present at the final examination, but from what he has learned he infers that the school was creditable to the teacher, and satisfactory to the District, in which she was expected to teach the following term. But the Destroyer interposed. With sorrow we received intelligence of the death of this amiable young lady, who died after a short illness, Sept. 13th, 1870. Her rank as a scholar, her success as a teacher, and her love of the calling, rendered her departure a loss to the cause of education. And endeared to many by a lovely disposition and modest demeanor, her sudden death was deeply lamented; but the evidence she left of a Christian experience and Christian character warrant the sweet conviction that she has exchanged a life of trial for a life of pure blessedness.

Miss Clara E. Flint of Wilton taught the Winter School, which was seven weeks long, and numbered 17 different scholars whose average attendance was 14 1-2.

Eleven were not tardy at all, 3 but once, and 10 were not absent a single half day. The \$22 00 a month for wages and board was a profitable investment. The teacher was evidently "master of her position," and maintained in her schoolroom excellent discipline, at the same time greatly interesting her pupils in their work. At the examination of her school, on the 18th of Nov. the house was decked in evergreen, visitors were present, and the general appearance of the school was gratifying. The classes evinced life, promptness and accuracy, and the recitations, the dialogue and the valedictory were interesting and successful.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Money assigned, \$117 80 ; Mr. J. T. Parker, Prudential Committee.

The two terms were respectively eight and eleven weeks long. The names of 13 scholars with the average attendance of 11 3-4, are given in the Summer Register, and 14 with the average of 12 2-3 in the Winter. Six the first term and two the second were not absent a single half day. Miss Sarah M. Parker, the teacher of both schools, was paid for the first \$22 00 a month, and for the second \$24 a month. The kindness of her disposition, and the quiet suaveness of her manner exerted a happy influence, and with most of her pupils was effective. The school received from the people during the two terms 27 visits. At both examinations most of the classes were marked favorably, some of them very favorably ; and the pieces spoken and recited were of an interesting character.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Money assigned, \$109 75 ; Mr. Edwin Patch, Prudential Committee.

The two terms were each of them nine weeks long. Twenty-two scholars were enrolled in the Summer, and 28 in the Winter Register. So punctual were they that only 10 instances of tardiness occurred during both terms, while six were neither tardy nor absent at all. Miss Lizzie P. Claggett was employed to teach both schools, for which she was paid respectively \$16 00 and \$26 a month. She was evidently favored with the affectionate regard of her pupils, whose discipline required scarcely no infliction of punishment during both terms. The tasteful profusion with which the room was decorated at the close of the Summer term added to the pleasure of the occasion, and the quiet and orderly appearance of the school was gratifying. At both examinations it was noticeable that her younger pupils gave pleasing evidence of improvement in Reading and Spelling, while they manifested lively interest in the department of oral instruction ; and although a few of the older classes attained only to mediocrity, yet others were more favorably marked, and some received the sign of excellence. The miscellaneous exercises interspersed were also of an interesting character, and the last examination finished with a good valedictory. The teacher closes her Summer Register with this sentence :

"I now leave this little band of scholars with many thanks to them for their faithfulness in their studies and obedience to their teacher, and with many wishes for their happiness and prosperity": and her Winter Register with the following: "It has been a pleasant term to me as I trust it has been to all. I shall not soon forget the pupils I am about to leave, and I hope I shall not be forgotten by them, although we shall probably never all meet together again."

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Money assigned, \$60 09 ; Mr. Levi P. Spalding, Prudential Committee.

Fourteen scholars with the average attendance of thirteen were registered the first term; eight were present every half day; and wages and board amounted to \$18 00 a month. It was very pleasant to meet a successful teacher again, Miss E. A. Butterfield, in the schoolroom where she had taught before; but to our regret the term was only five weeks long; yet, at the examination, it was obvious that even in so short a time considerable good had been accomplished. To the satisfaction of the visitors the school was quiet and orderly, and the scholars were generally prompt and correct in their answers. And as the classes were examined one after another in Reading and Spelling, and Geography, Grammar and Arithmetic, the results were expressed in words of commendation. The school was regarded as a *decided success*.

The Winter School was nine weeks long. The average attendance of its 15 scholars was 12 2-3. Their teacher was Miss Ida H. Lamson of Mont Vernon. As it was her first effort, she received but \$16 00 a month. The examination afforded both Superintendent and visitors gratifying evidence of success. The School appeared to have been well governed, and improvement was manifest, especially in the important branches of Reading and Spelling; and the pieces spoken were very acceptable.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Money assigned, \$52 30 ; Mr. Asa Blake, Prudential Committee.

They had but one term of schooling during the year, which continued from Sept. 19 to Nov. 12th,—eight weeks. An experienced teacher was employed, Miss Ella J. Bragg, who, as she boarded at home, was paid \$24 00 a month. She had 16 different scholars, several of whom were from other districts;

but, as two of them did not attend quite two weeks, they are not considered members, and do not therefore enter into the account in making out the average attendance which was 11 1-3. The school was visited by the Superintendent soon after it commenced, yet, as no notice in regard to its close reached him, he was not present at its examination. But, although he can not report a sure and definite result, his presumption is that it was a profitable term.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Money assigned, \$21 08; Mr. Charles Avery, Prudential Committee.

This has long been known as the "Union District." To the Summer School, which was eight weeks long, Lyndeborough sent five scholars, Francestown four. To the Winter School, Lyndeborough sent only three, Francestown six, New Boston one. Two of our scholars were present every half day during the first term, and two the second term.

Boarding at home, the teacher, Miss Katie E. Kidder, received \$20 00 a month.

The examination of her school was witnessed by the Lyndeborough Superintendent, and a goodly company of visitors, who were persuaded that she had done her work well, and was worthy of grateful commendation for her kindness and fidelity to her pupils. It was an interesting occasion.

At our first visit to the Winter School, we met a teacher who had already taught four terms in Lyndeborough, Miss E. A. Butterfield, who continued her work the good term of twelve weeks, for which she was paid, including board which was given by the District, \$26 00 a month.

At the closing examination, 36 visitors were present; the appearance of the school was pronounced "very good;" the scholars gave ready answers, and succeeded well in speaking and reciting their pieces. The Francestown Superintendent, Mr. Knowlton, who had visited the school three times, spoke of it in very favorable terms. The teacher has *earned* a good reputation.

This completes the difficult task of making a brief and careful survey of your schools the past year. You have employed 17 different teachers, who have labored 20 terms in your Districts. They have worked hard and tried to do well. Some of them have been more successful than others, yet they have all been useful, and together they have accomplished an amount of good that makes a large return for your outlays of time, and ef,

ort, and money. Your children have advanced in their education. They have acquired what is of greater value than gold or diamonds—knowledge and mental development. One of us has long cared for your schools. He has done what he could to give them character and usefulness. Generation after generation of children has come under his superintendence. It has been his constant aim to encourage them in their work, and forward them in their education. Some of them have gone to another world, a few remain with you, but the greater part, having scattered in every direction, are active and useful elsewhere, reaping the benefits of the education they acquired in the schools of the old homestead. These schools have been a great blessing to them, and to all over whom they have exerted a good influence. Who can regret the outlays that have been made for so great a benefit?

In taking our leave of the friends of education in Lyndeborough, we wish to express our sincerest thanks for all the aid you have rendered us while in the discharge of our official duties, and we wish to thank you again and again in behalf of these schools for all you have done to promote their usefulness and prosperity. And now we commend them to your high regard and fostering care. Never consider one of them unimportant because small. Should there be but six or seven even gathered in it, forget not that each one has a mind appealing to you for the best culture you can give it. If continued in this life, that mind will exert *influence*—who can tell how deeply and widely—and when life's career is closed, that mind will still live, *forever live*.

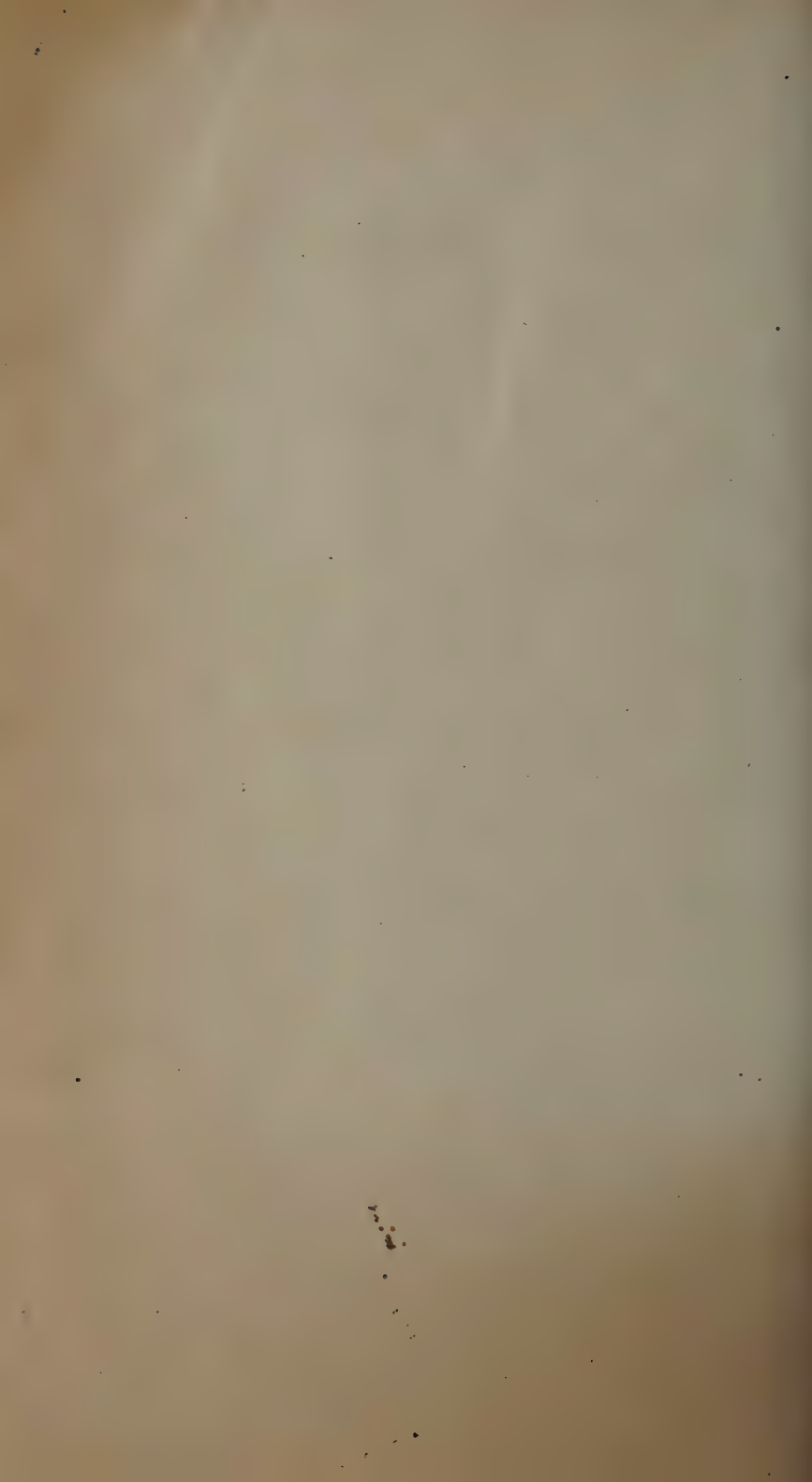
Make liberal appropriations, therefore, for your schools, year after year. See that your SCHOOL-HOUSES are as good as you can consistently make them. Appoint men for Prudential Committees who will perform the important duties of their office *wisely* and *faithfully*. Counsel and encourage your children in such manner that the *home influence shall be felt in the school-room from the beginning of the term to the end of it*. And VISIT your schools. This practice will have its good effect on your scholars, and make their teachers more sensible of their responsibility, and more faithful in the discharge of their duties.

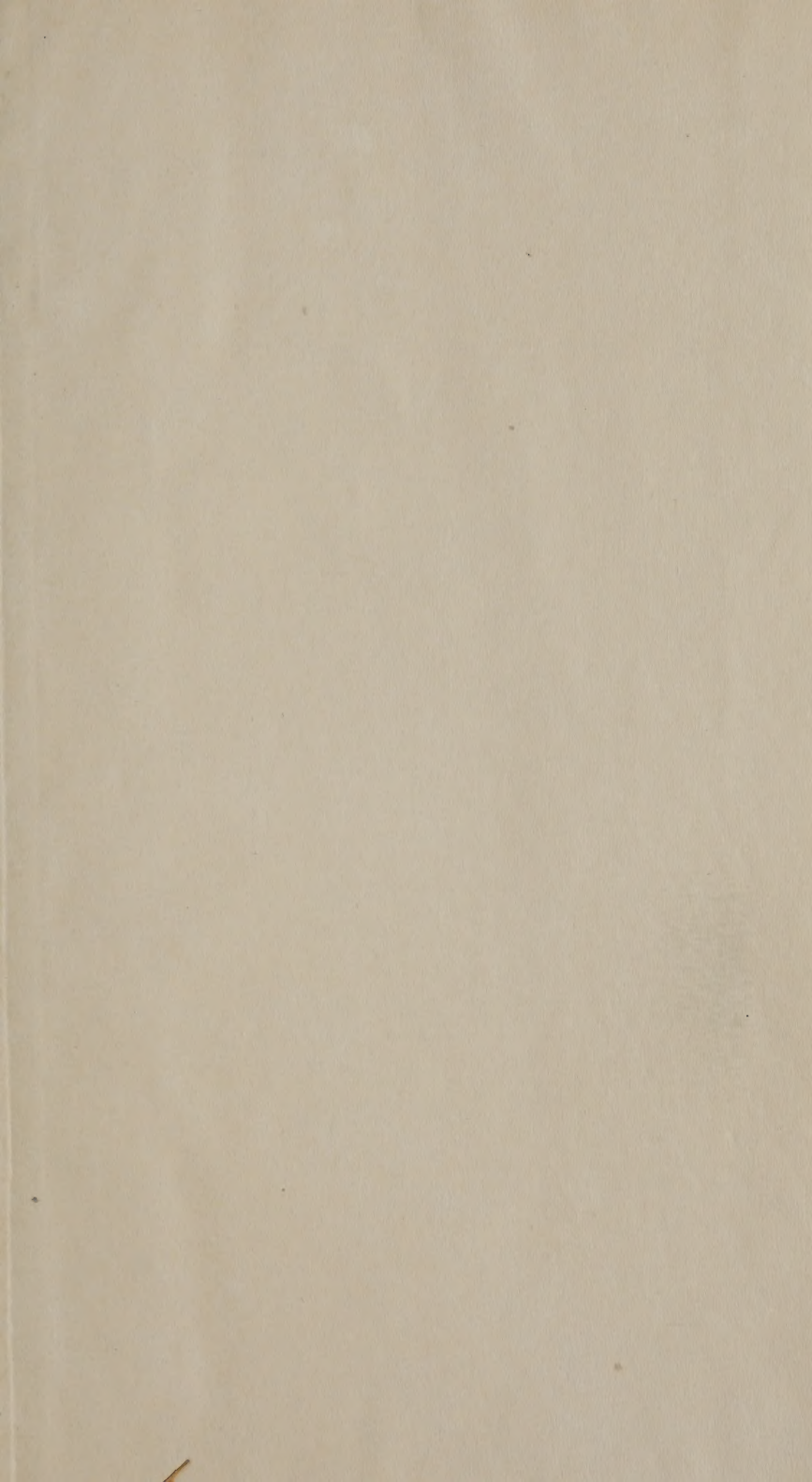
Do all in your power to promote the mental, moral, and religious education of your children and youth. In this way you

will not only benefit them, but will advance the interests of your town, your State, and your country.

And may God ever bless the schools of Lyndeborough.

E. B. CLAGGETT,	}	<i>Superintending School Committees of Lyndeboro'.</i>
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